

OFFICE OF TRAFFIC SAFETY FUNDING CRITERIA

The following represent highlights of the Office of Traffic Safety's (OTS) funding criteria for traffic safety projects. **For additional information regarding allowable costs, consult the OTS Grant Program Manual, Volume II, Chapter 2, which is available under Grants and Program Information on our website (www.ots.ca.gov).**

Facilities

- The cost of land is **not** allowable.
- Costs are **not** allowable for construction, rehabilitation, remodeling, or for office furnishings and fixtures.

Equipment

Not Allowed

- Police patrol vehicles
- Large-scale computers

Allowable Costs

- Small-scale computers and peripheral equipment.
- Costs of ambulance and first responder (rescue) vehicles and associated equipment; only up to **25 percent** of the total cost, unless the agency submits documentation supporting a higher percentage of highway safety utilization. This funding restriction includes communications equipment.

Costs for the following items **are** allowable, subject to compliance with applicable federal and state standards and specifications or adopted by the state through legislation or by the actions of an appropriate state agency or commission:

- Motorcycles
- Alcohol testing devices
- Police traffic radar, and other speed measuring devices used by the police
- Ambulances [Minimum requirements for ambulances purchased with 402 funds include: Meeting federal specification for ambulances, KKK-A-1822C; (2) being equipped in accordance with the essential equipment list, recommended by the American College of Surgeons; (3) contains space for two litter patients and 60-inch headroom for EMTs; (4) be manned by two basic level EMTs; and (5) have exterior vehicle lighting sufficient for identification as an ambulance.]
- Child restraint devices (only if they are in compliance with National Highway Traffic Safety Administration [NHTSA] performance standard FMVSS #213)
- Bicycle helmets (must meet ANSI 90.4 bicycle standard or the Snell Memorial Foundation standard for protective headgear for use in bicycling)

Public Communications and Education

The design and printing of billboards, bus posters and cards, and other public information materials **are** allowable. Contact your Regional Coordinator for information regarding purchase of media time or space. The printing and/or purchase of education materials (e.g., brochures, pamphlets, etc.) **are** allowable.